GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITIONS OF MINORITY POPULATION OF ASSAM
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the lack of infrastructure and minimum basic facilities among the minority population living in Assam particularly in the districts of Dhubri, Goalpara, Barpeta, Morigaon, Nowgaon etc;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made on deplorable living condition of minority population of Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the steps taken to improve their living conditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) to (c): The districts of Dhubri, Goalpara, Barpeta, Morigaon and Nowgaon are all included in the 13 districts of Assam, that have been identified as minority concentration districts, based on the population of minorities in these districts and their relative backwardness vis-a-vis national average of relevant socio-economic and basic amenities indicators.

(d): A budgetary provision of Rs.120 crore has been made in the Annual Plan 2007-08 for implementation of a multi-sectoral development programme for all identified minority concentration districts all over India to address their `development deficits`.